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SUBJ: ASAD TRANSITS MOSCOW

1. SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD STOPPED OVER IN MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 26-27 EN ROUTE TO NORTH KOREA. ASAD WAS GREETED BY PODGORNYY AND MET WITH BREZHNEV DURING HIS FEW HOURS IN MOSCOW.

2. PRAVDA (SEPTEMBER 28) CARRIED AN UNSIGNED COMMUNIQUE WHICH UNDERLINED MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT, INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO SOVIET SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN THE SYRIAN ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND DEFENSE CAPABILITY. (A SIMILAR PHRASE ABOUT STRENGTHENING DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OCCURRED IN THE SOVIET-SYRIAN JOINT STATEMENT OF APRIL 16 WHICH WAS SIGNED BY ASAD AND BREZHNEV

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FOLLOWING ASAD'S LAST VISIT.) THE TWO SIDES REITERATED

THEIR STANDARD POSITIONS ON A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT
AND CALLED FOR THE EARLY RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA MEPC.
DELAYING A SOLUTION, THEY SAID, PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF
THE "AGRESSORS."

3. COMMENT: THE COMMUNIQUE, AS WE READ IT, BREAKS NO
NEW GROUND.
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